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**State Library of Queensland wins two National Trust (Queensland) awards**

A popular exhibition about a married couple who cruised the streets in a Cadillac in the 1960s and '70s taking hundreds of thousands of photos of Queensland homes has won two 2019 Queensland Heritage Awards at a ceremony in Brisbane last night.

State Librarian and CEO Vicki McDonald accepted the prestigious National Trust of Australia (Queensland), Heritage Interpretation and Promotion Award and the John Herbert Memorial Award for the *Home: a suburban obsession* exhibition.

The John Herbert Memorial Award is presented to the most outstanding nomination across all categories.

One of the main features of the State Library exhibition was the Corley Explorer, an interactive online tool that allows the collection of more than 60,000 photos taken by Frank and Eunice Corley to be easily explored.

Online visitors can search, tag and describe photos and share stories of suburban life in Queensland.

The Corley Explorer registered more than 70,000 online visits and more than 1.3 million page views from December 2018 to October 2019.

Minister for the Arts Leeanne Enoch congratulated the State Library on the success of *Home*.

“People loved this interactive exhibition and took great interest in exploring the streets, history and houses of Queensland’s recent past,” she said.

“The website will be a lasting legacy and will continue to reveal new layers of Queensland’s cultural history.”

State Librarian and CEO Vicki McDonald said the exhibition not only helped to showcase Queensland’s unique architecture, it enabled people from across the state to contribute personal stories and photos.

“The Corley collection is one of the largest single photographic collections of Australian housing in existence and the Corley Explorer made them easy to access and enjoy.”

“It was a wonderful interactive experience for everyone.”

The National Trust of Australia (Queensland) Heritage awards showcased the entrants work, promoted best practice approaches, and encouraged innovation and collaboration to celebrate the diversity of heritage places in Queensland.

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